

The regular meeting of the Upper Pottsgrove Township Fire Committee was held on Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 7 p.m. Members in attendance were Chairman Martin Schreiber, William Marsden, George Harmansky, Don Raudenbush, Tom Mattingly and France Krazalkovich. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Martin Schreiber.

**Pledge of Allegiance** – Those in attendance pledged allegiance to the flag.

**Approval of Minutes** – Motion by W. Marsden second by T. Mattingly and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of January 11, 2018 as presented.

### **Reports**

- A. **Operational Report** – T. Mattingly presented the Operational Report for the month and for the year. There were 23 calls for the month.

**Call review:** The fire company had 2 calls that seemed of special interest and had some questions. The first call that was spoken of was a house fire on Hanover Dr. Times of when trucks got on location were given to the committee. Discussion of why trucks are placed in the spots they were was talked about as well as who was in charge of the call. F. Krazalkovich asked what the average time is before the company responds, he also asked what is the average amount of members on a call. T. Mattingly will get that information, however, it can be very time consuming and he works a full time job and is only a volunteer. T. Mattingly also stated that he has given an end of year report to the township that some of that information would be on. The second call was a fatal car crash on SR 100. Times were discussed and the amount of members on the call as well as what other companies came to help. A take away from this call is traffic control. The light at The Halfway House needs to have a hand held controller that would help with traffic control. Mental health is a big part of the after affects and members should ask for help if they are having troubles. There was a minor debriefing of the call.

- B. **Membership Report** – One new member, Daniel Bush, Fire Police lives in the township.
- C. **Treasurer's Report** – D. Raudenbush handed out the report which was discussed.
- D. **Fire Fund Budget Update** – No update was available.
- E. **Fire Relief** – No update was available.

### **Old Business**

- A. **Grants** – A PEMA grant for \$15,000 for debt reduction to help pay off engine 2 was submitted. The committee was informed that the SAM number for the federal grant system has not been used in many years and became dormant. This means that the 3 grants from last month will not be able to be applied for. Krazalkovich asked whose fault that is. Schreiber stated he believes it falls on the Fire Committee due to the fact that the Fire Committee is the governing body of the fire company. T. Mattingly then

asked if the truck can now be purchased as planned. F. Krazolkovich shared the part in the MOU about the Fire Committee can direct the treasure to pay items. Motion by M. Schreiber second by T. Mattingly to purchase the new fire truck for \$333,000. Some heated discussion followed. A roll call vote was taken: M. Schreiber, T. Mattingly, G. Harmansky, D. Raudenbush and W. Marsden voted YES; F. Krazalkovich voted NO. The motion passed.

**Executive Session** – The Board adjourned for an Executive Session regarding personal at 9:22 p.m. They reconvened at 9:43 p.m.

There was more talk about the truck and the difference between sales pitch and demo. F. Krazalkovich asked about the needs of the community and the financial aspect for the truck but did not need to see a sales pitch. He did not need to know the specs of the truck or what it can do.

Motion by M. Schreiber second by G. Harmansky to recommend the BOC purchase the truck and revoke the prior motion to buy the truck. M. Schreiber and G. Harmansky voted YES, F. Krazalkovich, W. Marsden, D. Raudenbush and T. Mattingly all voted NO.

**Adjournment** – Motion by T. Mattingly second by G. Harmansky to adjourn the meeting at 10:26 pm. The Motion carried with M. Schreiber and F. Krazalkovich voting nay.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Martin Schreiber, Chairman